

Hilton Head Island High School

Senior Newsletter

November, 2009

Bulletin #2

1. Mr. Latourelle is still scheduling meetings to discuss the college application process and financial aid, as well as work or military options. To schedule a time with Mr. Latourelle, see him in his office.
2. **College Applications:** Remember to watch college application deadlines. February 1st is the most common deadline for those schools with fixed date deadlines. Most colleges use Rolling Admissions which means that you can apply any time and get a decision from the college in four to six weeks. Early Decision is a binding program whereby a student applies early (between October 15 – November 15) and receives a decision generally within four weeks. Those that are accepted Early Decision are committed to attend and withdraw all other applications. Some schools also offer Early Action or Early Notification. Students apply and receive a decision early, but are not committed and need not respond until May 1st. Please remember to discuss these options with your counselor.
3. **College Entrance Tests:**

SAT:

Test Date

Regular Deadline

January 23
March 13
May 1
June 5

December 15
February 4
March 25
April 29

ACT:

December 12
February 6
April 10
June 12

November 6
January 5
March 5
May 7

Paper applications are available in the Guidance Office, or register on-line at www.collegeboard.com or www.act.org.

4. **Please Beware !** Each year, a number of families receive letters from companies who promise to find financial aid for college if the families pay fees of various sizes. Many of

these companies or individuals charge high fees to find information that can be found free of charge. The general rule is to never pay an independent company / person for a financial aid search. Always check first with your guidance counselor or a college financial aid officer. An excellent source of information on colleges and financial aid can be found on the College Board web page at www.collegeboard.com.

5. Other Important Web Addresses:

For instant access to the web pages of every college in the U.S.:

www.utexas.edu/world/univ

For information and registration for the ACT:

www.act.org

For local scholarship information:

www.lowcountryscholarshipdirectory.org

For information on federal student financial aid and the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid):

www.FederalStudentAid.ed.gov

6. **Scholarships:** During the school year, the Guidance Office is periodically notified of various national and local scholarships that are available to students planning to attend postsecondary schools next year. These scholarships are open to all students who meet the specified requirements. Information on these and other scholarships are also available through the Community Foundation of the Lowcountry by accessing their web site at www.lowcountryscholarshipdirectory.org . The Guidance Office will list scholarships as they become available each month. Bulletins will be available in the Guidance Office, and will be posted on the HHIHS web site.

Many colleges and universities also offer merit scholarships to highly qualified students. Check the financial aid portion of their web site to learn details from each school.

Scholarships:

Sun Trust “Off to College” Scholarship Sweepstakes:

- \$ 1000 Scholarship for high school seniors
- Free to enter. Not based on GPA or financial need
- One winner chosen every two weeks from October to May

Enter On-line at: www.offtocollege.info

2009 SAE Engineering Scholarships:

- Must be a high school senior planning to major in an engineering program or a related science
- Must be a U.S. citizen
- Must attend a college or university of the applicant's choice which is accredited by ABET
- Should have a minimum of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale

Deadline: December 15, 2009

Application: In Guidance Office

For Details, go to: www.sae.org/students/engschlr.htm

Ron Brown Scholar Program

- Must be an African-American high school senior planning to attend college
- Based on academic record, leadership potential, and community service
- Must be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident
- ***Early Deadline: November 1, 2009*** (Considered for Ron Brown Scholar Program and forwarded to additional scholarship providers)
- ***Final Deadline: January 9, 2010*** (Considered only for the Ron Brown Scholarship)
- Applications available at www.ronbrown.org

2009 Profile in Courage Essay Contest:

- Open to high school students in grades 9-12
- Based on an essay which demonstrates understanding of political courage as described by John F. Kennedy in *Profiles in Courage*

Application: www.jfklibrary.org

Deadline: January 9, 2010

Gates Millennium Scholars:

- Must be African-American, American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian Pacific Islander American, or Hispanic American
- Required to be a citizen, national or legal permanent resident of the U.S.
- Must have attained a GPA of at least 3.3 on an unweighted 4.0 scale
- Will be enrolling for the first time at an accredited college or university as a full-time student
- Must have demonstrated leadership abilities through community service, extracurricular, or other activities
- Must meet Federal Pell Grant eligibility criteria (by filing the FAFSA)

Application: In Guidance Office or on-line at: www.gmsp.org

Deadline: January 11, 2010

Palmetto Pride “Litter Trashes Everyone” Award:

- Open to all Middle and High School students from SC
- Based on a full length original play written either by an individual or by a group based on a theme of litter prevention/reduction
- Play must include “Louie the Anti-Litter Lion” and be directed at young audiences
- Application and details available at: www.palmettopride.org

Deadline: January 15, 2010

American Legion Oratorical Scholarship Contest:

- Contest is open to any U.S. citizen or permanent resident in grades 9-12
- Based on a prepared speech of at least 8 minutes and no more than 10 minutes dealing with some phase of the Constitution which will give emphasis to the attendant duties and obligations of a citizen to our government.
- Copies of the rules and regulations are available at the American Legion website: www.scarolinalegion.org under Legion Programs-High School Oratorical Contest or by calling 803-612-1171 ext. 40

Deadline: January 31, 2010

Harry Hampton/Wallace F. Pate Scholarship:

- Must be a full-time SC resident and a high school senior
- Must attend college in SC and major in a natural resources discipline such as wildlife biology, fisheries biology, forestry, marine science, or environmental science
- Scholarship applies for up to four consecutive years if a 2.5 GPA is maintained
- Based on application, essay and autobiography, transcript, SAT/ACT scores, and rank in class

Deadline: January 31, 2010

Application: In Guidance Office

James O. Thomason Scholarship:

- Must be a full-time resident of SC and attend college in SC
- Must major in electronic, print, or photo journalism, advertising, public relations or mass communications
- Scholarship applies for up to four years if a 2.5 GPA is maintained
- Based on application, essay and autobiography, transcript, SAT/ACT scores, and rank in class
- Finalists will be interviewed

Deadline: January 31, 2010

Application: In Guidance Office

KFC Colonel's Scholars Program:

- Must be a graduating high school senior with a GPA of 2.75 or higher
- Must enroll in a public, four year, SC college
- Must be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident

Deadline: Apply between 12/1/09 and 2/10/10

Application: www.kfcscholars.org

Dr. Seuss's *Oh, The Places You'll Go* Scholarship:

- Must be a graduating senior, age 21 or under, who understands and values the limitless possibilities education can offer
- Based on an original literary composition submitted in personal essay/memoir format

Deadline: February 15, 2010

Application: In Guidance Office or visit www.ohtheplaces.org to print out an Application

Oak Advisors Scholarship:

- Must attend high school on Hilton Head Island, Daufuskie Island, or Bluffton, SC
- Must be a U.S. citizen or legal resident of Beaufort County and have a minimum GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale
- Must show evidence of outstanding academic achievement and community accomplishments
- Must have plans to follow a course of study in Business or Economics while in college
- Application includes essay and recommendations

Deadline: March 26, 2010

Application: In Guidance Office

2009 Pepsi Hispanic Heritage Month Program and Scholarships:

- Information and resources to help students and parents through the college application process as well as scholarships are available at:
www.builsurdestiny.com or www.construyetuestino.com

Deadline: Apply between September 14, 2009 and March 1, 2010

Joan & Wade Webster Scholarship:

- Applicant must be a US citizen and a resident of Hilton Head, Okatie, or Bluffton, SC
- Must be a senior planning to enroll in a four year college or university
- Must demonstrate financial need and submit a FAFSA
- Must rank in the top 20% of the class and have a minimum 2.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale
- Must have SAT or ACT scores at or above the state average
- Includes essay and recommendations

Deadline: April 9, 2010

Application: In Guidance Office

Mina Larson & Mandas Mulrain Scholarship:

- Must be a senior from a high school on Hilton Head, Daufuskie Island, or Bluffton, SC
- Must be a legal resident of Beaufort County and demonstrate financial need
- Grade point average must be a minimum of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale
- Must demonstrate academic and personal achievement and have plans to attend a four year or a technical school
- Financial need is considered
- Essay and recommendations required

Deadline: April 9, 2010

Application: In Guidance Office

Jeff Katon Scholarship:

- Must be a graduating senior and a U.S. citizen and legal resident of Beaufort County, SC
- Must have a minimum GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale
- Must demonstrate financial need and show evidence of outstanding academic and personal accomplishments
- Essay and recommendations are required

Deadline: April 9, 2010

Application: In Guidance Office

James L. Krum Memorial Scholarship:

- Must be a senior on Hilton Head or in Bluffton, SC
- If attending college in SC, must have received in-state scholarship funds such as the Hope or Life Scholarships
- Must be a citizen and legal resident of Beaufort County and demonstrate financial need
- Grade point average must be at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale and demonstrate outstanding academic achievement as well as community service activities
- Financial need is considered
- Essay and recommendations are required

Deadline: April 19, 2010

Application: In Guidance Office

R & J Matchett Scholarship:

- Must be a graduating senior from a high school in Beaufort, Jasper, or Hampton counties in SC
- Must be a U.S. citizen accepted to a technical college, trade school, or community college within a 150 mile radius of HHI
- Applicants must pursue a current or emerging occupational, technical, or skilled labor field, excluding all religious and/or culinary arts training programs
- Financial need is considered
- Essay and recommendations are required

Deadline: April 23, 2010

Application: In Guidance Office

British Open Pub Scholarship:

- Must graduate from a high school on Hilton Head Island or Bluffton, SC
- Must be a U.S. citizen and legal resident of Beaufort County, SC
- Grade point average must be a minimum of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale
- Must demonstrate outstanding academic and community accomplishments and plan to enter an accredited college or university
- Financial need is considered
- Essay and recommendations are required

Deadline: April 23, 2010

Application: In Guidance Office

The Fountainhead Essay Contest:

- Open to students in grades 11 and 12
- Based on an essay of 800-1600 words on a selected topic dealing with Ayn Rand's novel, *The Fountainhead*

Deadline: April 26, 2010

Application: www.aynrandeducation.com

Tidepointe Community Charitable Fund Scholarship:

- **An employee applying for a scholarship must:**

1. Be a high school graduate and and a US citizen or legal resident
2. Work an average of 12 hours per week at TidePointe and have a good work and attendance record
3. Demonstrate financial need and not participate in any Classic Residence by Hyatt Tuition Assistance Program

- **An employee dependent applying for a scholarship must:**

1. Be a legal dependent of a Tidepointe employee who works an average of 32 hours per week
2. Be a legal dependent of an employee who has completed at least one year of employment at TidePointe
3. Be a high school senior entering a full-time college or university
4. Be unmarried
5. Demonstrate financial need
6. Be a citizen or legal resident of the U.S.

Deadline: April 30, 2010

Application: In Guidance Office

7. Colleges throughout the country offer scholarships to students who have been registered members of a FIRST Robotics team for at least two years. For details, go to www.usfirst.org/scholarships
8. Special, very competitive scholarships are available through a nomination process at a number of colleges and universities. Students applying to the following schools should see Mr. Latourelle for details:

Washington University in St. Louis
Emory University
Davidson College
University of Virginia
Syracuse University
University of Michigan (Engineering)

9. Application Deadlines for the “Big Three” state colleges:

- **College of Charleston:**

Early Notification (non-binding): October 15 (Decision in December)
Scholarship Deadline: December 1

Regular Notification: February 1 (Decision by April 1 - Acceptances on a space-available basis)

Honors College: December 15 (Separate Additional Application Required)

Financial Aid: FAFSA by March 1

- **Clemson University:**

Regular Admission: December 1 (notified by February 15)

Apply 2/15 – 5/1: Rolling Admissions

Financial Aid: FAFSA by February 15

- **University of South Carolina:**

Early Answer Deadline: October 15 (Decision Mid-December)

Priority Application Deadline: December 1 (Decision Mid-March)

Honors College: November 15 (Decision February 15 - Additional Application Required)

Financial Aid: FAFSA as soon as possible after January 1st